

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME – REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on the Nottinghamshire Members' Allowances Scheme and approval of the proposed revised Members' Allowances Scheme.

#### **Information**

2. Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, before a council makes or revises a members' allowances scheme it is required to have regard to a report from an IRP.
3. At the Governance and Ethics Committee meeting of 6 January 2021, the Council reappointed Sir Rodney Brooke CBE DL as Chair of the IRP and Stephen Bray, Charles Daybell and Madi Sharma as the IRP members for the 2021-25 administration.
4. The IRP last met in June 2021 with its recommendations agreed by Full Council on 22 July 2021.
5. In agreeing the move to an executive system (Leader and Cabinet model) of governance on 31 March 2022, Full Council also agreed that the IRP should be reconvened to consider Members' Allowances under this new system.
6. The IRP has focussed its considerations this time on the implications of those new governance arrangements but has also taken the opportunity to consider any other relevant issues which fall within its Terms of Reference.
7. The IRP met with relevant senior Members of the three political groups on 13 and 20 April 2022 and considered representations made. The Panel also considered other relevant information requested.
8. The IRP's report is **appended** to this report. Attached as appendices to that report are the existing scheme and an updated version highlighting the proposed changes.
9. A public notice has been published to inform constituents of the report and its availability for inspection, including via the Council's website. A further public notice will be published

following Full Council's consideration of the report and approval of the Members' Allowances Scheme.

### **Other Options Considered**

10. The Council is not obliged to agree the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### **Reason for Recommendations**

11. To consider the recommendations of the IRP and agree a revised Member's Allowances Scheme for Nottinghamshire County Council following the recent change in governance arrangements.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

13. Under the proposals, the annual total cost of the Basic Members Allowances remains unchanged at £1,008,332 (not including National Insurance Contributions). The total amount of SRAs that would have been claimable in 2022-23 under the existing governance arrangements was £710,041 (it should be noted that not all SRAs were claimed due to the rule of no Councillor claiming more than one SRA). With the recommended changes, the total amount to be claimed will be £712,244.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the recommendations of the IRP be noted.
- 2) That the proposed revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the IRP report, be approved.

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### **Constitutional Comments (LW – 28/04/22)**

14. Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

### **Financial Comments (SES 29/04/2022)**

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 of the report.

16. The report indicates that the annual total cost of the Basic Members Allowances will remain unchanged.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Issues for Consideration report to the IRP.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All